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ASIP will hold a workshop on the occasion of World IP Day 2016

The Arab Society for Intellectual Property will hold a workshop in “ Collective Management and Copyrights and Related Rights” on the occasion of the World Intellectual Property Day in cooperation with Abu Ghazaleh Intellectual Property, the National Library and Licensing Executives Society – Arab Countries in Amman on April 27-28,2016.

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ASIP Holds the “Arab Certified Intellectual Property Practitioner” Exam in Amman - Jordan



The Arab Society for Intellectual Property held the Arab Certified Intellectual Property Practitioner exam at Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization Building in Amman - Jordan on April 3rd, 2016.

ASIP Holds the “Arab Certified Intellectual Property Practitioner” Exam in Cairo - Egypt

The Arab Society for Intellectual Property held the Arab Certified Intellectual Property Practitioner exam at Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization Building in Cairo - Egypt on April 10, 2016.





ASIP Holds the “Arab Certified Intellectual Property Practitioner” Exam in Riyadh - KSA



The Arab Society for Intellectual Property held the Arab Certified Intellectual Property Practitioner exam at Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization Building in Riyadh - KSA on April 17, 2016.

New PTAB Rules Level the Playing Field for Patent Owners in IPR

After much public comment and debate, new changes to rules for post-grant administrative trials before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) go into effect on May 2, 2016. These final rule changes, which are the second set of changes since the America Invents Act (AIA) went into effect, are the culmination of a series of PTAB listening tours and public comments to the rule change proposals published in August 2015. Among other things, the new PTAB rules are intended to address concerns that patent owners were at a disadvantage in responding to patent challenges, particularly during the pre-institution stage of a PTAB proceeding. The rule changes also introduce certification requirements for documents filed with the PTAB, confirm the broadest reasonable interpretation (BRI) standard, as well as exceptions to the BRI standard for expiring patents, and adopt an appellate-style word count limit for major briefs.



Source: <http://www.ipwatchdog.com/2016/04/19/ptab-rules-level-playing-field/id=68282>



US Department of Commerce Recommends Amendments to Statutory Damages Provisions in Copyright Act

WASHINGTON, D.C.- A report issued by the US Department of Commerce recommends amendments to copyright law that would provide both more guidance and greater flexibility to courts in awarding statutory damages. The recommended amendments would ensure continued meaningful protection for intellectual property while preserving the dynamic innovation that has made digital technology so important to the American economy.



The report is a product of the Department of Commerce's Internet Policy Task Force (IPTF). The IPTF is made up of representatives from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and other Commerce Department agencies.

In the report, "White Paper on Remixes, First Sale, and Statutory Damages," the Department's Internet Policy Task Force sets forth its conclusions on three important copyright topics in the digital age: (1) the legal framework for the creation of remixes; (2) the relevance and scope of the "first sale doctrine"; and (3) the appropriate calibration of statutory damages in the contexts of individual file sharers and secondary liability for large-scale infringement. In making its recommendations, the Task Force was mindful of the need to protect copyrights effectively while also promoting innovation on the Internet.

"Through extensive public consultations, the Internet Policy Task Force has produced a detailed analysis of important policy issues raised for copyright in the digital age," said U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker. "Its recommendations will maintain strong and balanced copyright protection while preserving the free flow of information required for innovation and our digital economy to thrive."

Source: <http://www.uspto.gov/about-us/news-updates/us-department-commerce-recommends-amendments-statutory-damages-provisions>